**Development of SSIs in Tamil Nadu**

*167. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and programmes implemented by Government for the development of small and tiny sector in Tamil Nadu during the past three years; and

(b) the details of the benefits derived by these sectors under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES {SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Government of India has been implementing various schemes and programmes in the country including Tamil Nadu to facilitate the development and promotion of small and tiny sector industries. The Small Industries Service Institute (SISI) at Chennai with Branches at Coimbatore and Tuticorin are conducting regular training courses on entrepreneurship, techno-managerial and skill development programmes. These institutes also provide common facilities, extension services, consultancy and disseminate marketing and export related information to generate awareness, create conducive situation and to motivate entrepreneurs to set up units. The Regional Testing Centre (RTC) at Chennai provide quality-testing facilities. The Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) at Chennai conducts specialised training programmes for footwear manufacturing and also provides common facilities and extension services. Under the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme on the request of the Govt, of Tamil Nadu, five IID Centres at Uranganapathy, Vichoor, Thirumudivakkam, Kattur Avadi and Kittampalyam have been sanctioned. These Centres are at various stages of implementation. As demanded by the State Govemment an amount of Rs. 402.00 lakhs has already been released as central grant against a total commitment of Rs. 870.00 lakh. Besides these, Central Govemment extends fiscal support, easier access to credit facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) operates various schemes like Higher Purchase, Composite Term Loan, Raw Material Assistance, Integrated Marketing Support Programme, Government Stores Purchase Programmes etc. Thus, the Central Govemment is supporting and supplementing the efforts

of the State Govemment for the development of small and tiny sector in the state.

(b) During the past three years 5955 persons have been provided training under entrepreneurial, managerial and technical skill development programmes, specialised training in footwear design and manufacturing through CAD/CAM. During this period a total number of 3000 prospective entrepreneurs were also trained. The RTC conducted tests of 33917 samples of various small and tiny sector products for Bureau of Indian Standards certification. The CFTI imparted training to 764 persons and also rendered common facilities for 179 jobs. 151 units have already become operational in the IID Centres under implementation in Tamil Nadu. 146 SSI units in Tamil Nadu have received Rs. 94.01 lakhs as incentives from Central Government for ISO 9000 certification. 150 participants received training under ISO 9000 Awareness Programmes conducted by the SISI and the RTC, Chennai. The NSIC provided assistance worth Rs. 165.91 crores to 1245 units in Tamil Nadu under its various Schemes/ 'Programmes. The NSIC also provided common facility services to 2135 units and imparted training to 3293 trainees.

**Central Manpower Export Promotion Council**

*168. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment proposes to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council to encourage regulated international gateway for Indian workers going abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several Indian workers are duped by unscrupulous agents abroad; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide adequate employment protection to the Indian workers abroad?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) The Government proposes to set up a Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and Indian Overseas Workers' Welfare Fund by amending the Emigration Act, 1983.The primary functions of the Council